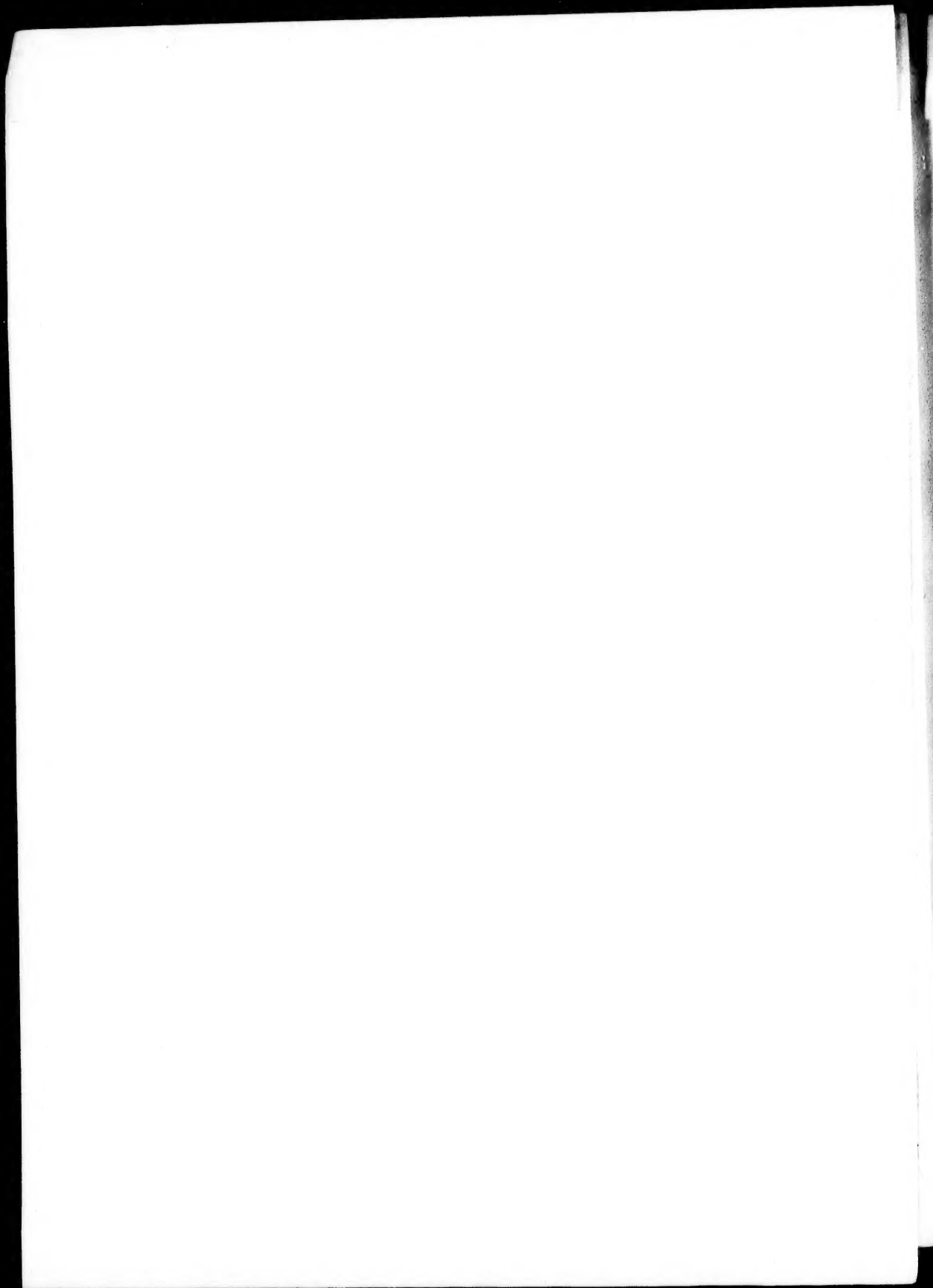




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Of the Right Honourable the
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ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed, and published.

Ashley Cooper,
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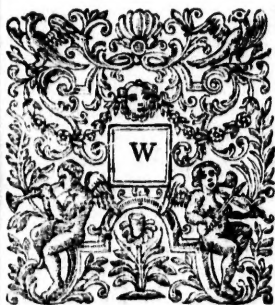


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The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

Die Jovis, 13^o Novembris, 1755.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, humbly beg Leave to return Your Majesty our unfeigned Thanks for Your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

Your Majesty's Paternal Regard for the Welfare and Prosperity of Your People, which has been so conspicuous on all Occasions, has, in this Critical Conjunction, been demonstrated by Your Majesty's earnest Desire to preserve them from the Calamities of War, and by Your Royal Firmness, in not yielding to any Terms of Accommodation that were

not reasonable and honourable.

When we consider the high Importance of the *British* Possessions and Rights in *America*, to the Commerce and Well-being of these Kingdoms, we cannot but reflect with Concern, as well as Resentment, that, in a Time of full Peace, and contrary to the Faith of the most solemn Treaties, so many Encroachments should have been committed on the Part of *France*. Nothing can exceed our Surprise at such a Conduct, but our Gratitude to Your Majesty, for so powerfully exerting Your Royal Care to protect Your Colonies from such Invasions and Insults, and to redress those Encroachments, which had been so unjustly made.

If any Power could be so much mistaken, as to imagine that Your Majesty, or Your Parliament, would remain unactive Spectators of such Unprovok'd Hostilities, they must before now have been convinced of their Error.

We thankfully acknowledge Your Majesty's Wisdom and Goodness, in increasing Your Maritime Armaments with so great Application and Expedition, and in augmenting Your Land Forces with so much Regard to the Ease of Your People, whilst You were providing for their Safety; and in having, at the same Time, generously given Encouragement to that great Body of Your Majesty's brave and faithful Subjects, with which Your *American* Provinces happily abound, to exert their Strength on this important Occasion, as their Duty, Interest, and Common Danger oblige, and strongly call upon them to do.

Your Majesty has sufficiently shewn, That no Motives of Ambition, or of fomenting new Troubles, have been the Grounds of Your Conduct. Your Prudence and Magnanimity have been manifested to all the World, by Your evident Disposition to prevent a General War from breaking out in *Europe*, and by confining Your Views and Operations to those salutary and necessary Ends, which Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to declare to us.

It is with Pleasure we observe the Pacific Declarations of His Catholic Majesty, which are so agreeable to the Amity and good Correspondence subsisting between the Two Crowns, and to the general Welfare of *Europe*.

We should fall short of that Duty which we owe to Your Majesty and our Country, if we did not, with the greatest Sincerity and Chearfulness, promise Your Majesty our most zealous and vigorous Concurrence and Assistance in this Just and National Cause. Nothing shall be wanting, on our Part, to make good those solemn Assurances which were given to Your Majesty by Your Parliament in their last Session. We look upon ourselves as obliged by the strongest Ties of Duty, Gratitude, and Honour, to stand by and support Your Majesty in all such wise and necessary Measures and Engagements, as Your Majesty may have taken in Vindication of the Rights of Your Crown; or to defeat any Attempt which may be made by *France* in Repentment for such Measures; and to assist Your Majesty in disappointing or repelling all such Enterprizes as may be formed, not only against Your Kingdoms, but also against any other of Your Dominions, although not belonging to the Crown of *Great Britain*, in case they should be attacked on Account of the Part which Your Majesty has taken for maintaining the essential Interests of Your Kingdoms,

Animated with these great and interesting Considerations, we beg Leave, from the Bottom of our Hearts, to assure Your Majesty of our inviolable Duty and Affection to Your Sacred Person; and that we look upon the Preservation of Your Majesty's Government, and of the Protestant Succession in Your Royal House, as the only Security, under God, of our Religion and Liberties. If there are any who have vainly flattered themselves, that menacing Appearances or Preparations could deter us from faithfully and vigorously acting up to these Principles, our unshaken Conduct shall demonstrate how much they have been deceived; and that, though we are far from desiring to injure or molest any of our Neighbours, we are ready to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of Your Majesty, and of the Possessions, Commerce, and just Rights of *Great Britain*.

HIS MAJESTY'S most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Give you My hearty Thanks for this very dutiful and affectionate Address. I see, with the greatest Satisfaction, the Zeal you express for My Person and Government, and for the true Interest of your Country, which I am determined to adhere to. The Assurances you give Me for the Defence of My Territories Abroad, are a strong Proof of your Affection to Me, and Regard for My Honour. Nothing shall divert Me from pursuing those Measures, which may effectually maintain the Possessions and Rights of My Kingdoms, and procure reasonable and honourable Terms of Accommodation.

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